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SUBJECT No. 46.

Faculties of Law, Agriculture and Medicine in the Mysore University.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore University.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya.—The people of Mysore are very thankful to the Government for giving them a University and it would be more beneficial to them if a few necessary faculties are opened in the University. The three faculties, *viz.*, Law, Agriculture and Medicine, are very essential and as these faculties are not yet instituted in the University our students are put to much difficulty and inconvenience. Some students after graduating from the University will have either to go to other countries for further study or discontinue. We can easily find the money for starting the Law Faculty from fee-income. I am sure there will not be much difficulty and expense if these faculties are opened.

Faculty of Law

Dewan.—The Bombay and Madras Universities allow our University Graduates to study for law.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya.—Some of the students will not be able to go to other places for studying law as it costs them a good deal.

Second Member of Council.—About Rs. 30,000 will be required for opening the Law Faculty.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya.—I shall be able to give statistics of receipts and expenditure. The Madras Law Faculty is more than self-supporting.

Dewan.—If the Senate is going to propose a self-supporting scheme, the matter will be considered.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya.—About 80 per cent of the population are agriculturists and agricultural improvements are very necessary. The stability of the country rests on agriculture and if agriculture is neglected, the prosperity of the country would proportionately deteriorate. The various improvements introduced in all the civilised countries should be properly studied and improved methods introduced in Mysore also. For attaining this object an Agricultural Faculty is very essential. The scheme will no doubt cost some money, but funds can be found by reducing expenditure in other directions. If Dr. Coleman is requested to submit a cheap scheme, I am sure there will not be much expenditure. By instituting a faculty people would be in a position to know by different demonstrations as to how they could improve their lands and what type of machinery and ploughs are needed. This faculty is very urgent and the Government should see their way to open one as early as possible.

Agricultural Faculty

The University should also train up doctors. It is not enough if Government train up students in medicine only for seeking Government employment, but we want men to go to the villages where medical aid is never to be got. The Medical Faculty would be of service in supplying a large number of private practitioners. In the interior of the State, the condition of the people is very miserable for want of proper medical aid. The Medical Faculty should combine

Faculty of Medicine

European, Ayurvedic and Unani systems as some diseases are curable by European medicines, some by Ayurvedic and some by Unani medicines. This faculty, I submit, is the most urgent need of the State and should be opened immediately.

Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer.—The Madras University have recently opened a Faculty in Agriculture and instead of opening a Faculty in the Mysore University, my request is that students who wish to study Agriculture may be given scholarships to enable them to go to Madras. The Government should approach the Madras University authorities and induce them to take some more students, at least ten Mysore students.

This year no Mysore student was admitted to the Bombay Medical College. A preliminary course at Poona should be undergone, and if students get through that examination, only then will the Bombay University admit our students.

This year there are about 100 applicants for the Sub-Assistant Surgeon scholarships, and since the Government are not in a position to open a Faculty in Medicine for some time to come, I request that some more scholarships may be awarded and the medical school held in a more spacious rented building. Till the Faculties in Agriculture and Medicine are opened in the Mysore University, I request that the Government should kindly consider my suggestion and take action accordingly.

Dewan.—Your suggestion will be noted.

Mr. Abbas Khan.—The proposition is that Faculties of Law, Agriculture and Medicine should be opened in the Mysore University. The members of the Representative Assembly and the Government know full well that the financial conditions are very unfavourable, and it would be unwise to spend money in spite of this for the institution of these Faculties which do not in the least help the tax payers. None of the recommendations contained in the Education Memorandum has been given effect to owing to the financial difficulties. About 10,000 primary schools have to be opened; there is no money for improving the Lower Secondary and other grades of education; and so many other reforms have to be taken up, but all these have been postponed on account of the present financial difficulties. Such being the case, it is not fair to spend lavishly on these Faculties when our students are given facilities to join other Universities.

The Government are spending enormous sums on the Engineering College which should be curtailed to a very great extent as an institution on a smaller scale would very well serve the purpose.

Till our finances improve, I am opposed to these Faculties being opened.

Dewan.—It is not possible to open these Faculties until the expenditure necessary for the reforms contained in the Education Memorandum is fully provided for. Facilities by way of giving scholarships to the Mysore students to join other Universities will be favourably considered as far as possible.